

August 22, 2013

Ex Parte

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket No. 12-69

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 21, 2013, Tim Powderly of Apple Inc. and I spoke by telephone with Michele Ellison, Chief of Staff to Chairwoman Clyburn and Louis Peraertz, Legal Advisor to Chairwoman Clyburn regarding the above-referenced proceeding. We explained that an FCC mandate that lower 700 MHz devices include LTE Band 12 support would be problematic. We also observed that device manufacturers would require a substantial period of time to comply with such a requirement; that any mandate should provide manufacturers with technical flexibility to achieve interoperability rather than prescribing specific technical approaches; and that any mandate should recognize that many existing devices are capable of operating in the lower 700 MHz band today, and should not require manufacturers to alter these existing devices.

Pursuant to the Commission's rules, a copy of this notice is being filed electronically in the above-referenced docket. If you require any additional information please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Paul Margie

Counsel to Apple Inc.

cc: meeting participants